

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON COMMERCE**

Tuesday, January 29, 2008

9:00 a.m.

Room 519, House Office Building

Chair Meisner called the Standing Committee on Commerce to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Byrum, Clemente, Coulouris, Dean, Griffin, Johnson, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Hildenbrand, Huizenga, Palsrok, Stakoe, Meltzer (16/19)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Reps. Accavitti, Rick Jones, Knollenberg (3/19)

Representative Robert Jones moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on January 23, 2008. Hearing no objection, the motion prevailed.

Representative Robert Jones moved to excuse absent members. Hearing no objection, **Chair Meisner** excused **Representatives Accavitti, Rick Jones and Knollenberg**.

The **Chair** laid **Senate Bill 123** before the committee.

SB 123	Sanborn	Businesses; nonprofit corporations; use of electronic communications; allow for nonprofit corporations.
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Phillip Hendges, from the Office of Senator Sanborn, explained the intent of the bill.

Tara Wolicki, representing the Michigan Society of Association Executives, testified in **support** of the bill. She also submitted written material.

Kyle Caldwell, representing the Michigan Nonprofit Association, testified in **support** of the bill. He also submitted written material.

The following people submitted testimony cards in **support** of the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Tom Martin, representing the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth; and

Chris Mitchell, representing the Michigan Health & Hospital Association.

Representative Hildenbrand moved to report **Senate Bill 123** with recommendation.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Byrum, Coulouris, Griffin, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Hildenbrand, Huizenga, Meltzer (11/19)

NAYS: None (0/19)

PASS: None (0/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

The **Chair** laid **House Bill 4444** before the committee.

HB 4444	Spade	Trade; tobacco products; sale of tobacco and tobacco products to minors; increase penalties and prohibit internet, telephone, or mail-order sales.
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Representative Spade explained the intent of the bill and answered questions.

Bob Kefgan, from the Office of Representative Spade, testified on the bill and answered questions.

Sgt. Matt Bolger, from the Michigan Department of State Police, submitted a testimony card indicating a **neutral** position on the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Jane Shallal, representing the Associated Food and Petroleum Dealers, submitted a testimony card in **opposition** to the bill, but did not wish to speak. She also submitted written material.

The **Chair** laid **House Bill 4312** before the committee.

HB 4312	Cushingberry	Economic development; economic development corporations; incentives to revise certain recycled materials; provide for.
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Elyse Kopietz, representing Green Built Michigan, testified in **support** of the bill and answered questions.

James McBryde and **Martin Dober**, representing the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, testified on the bill and answered questions.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being **9:44 a.m.**

Representative Andy Meisner, Chair

Jean Hamelin, Committee Clerk
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